

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method of knitting a garment with asymmetrically joined sleeves by knitting a body and both the sleeves up to underarm positions to have cylindrical shapes, respectively, then, joining both the sleeves to the body, and then, joining upper ends of a front body and a back body of the body, comprising the steps of:

(a) after knitting both the sleeves up to the underarm positions, knitting caps of the sleeves comprising caps of front sleeves and caps of back sleeves by flechage knitting such that the caps of the front sleeves become narrower than the caps of the back sleeves;

10 (b) then, forming front gores at the underarm positions to connect both the front sleeves to the front body,

wherein no back gore is formed between the back body and both the back sleeves to shift both the sleeves towards the front body side in correspondence with width of the front gores, or back gores are formed such that the back gores become smaller than the front gores to shift both the sleeves towards the front body side in correspondence with a difference between width of the front gores and the back gores; and

20 (c) then, knitting the front body and the back body and joining the front and back bodies to both the sleeves such that a knitting width of the front body becomes smaller than a knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions in correspondence with the width of the front gores, or in correspondence with the difference between the width of the front gores and the back gores if the back gores are formed, and wherein

the knitting steps are carried out in the order of the steps (a) to (c).

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2. The knitting method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

(d) after the step (c), knitting the front body separately into a left front body and

5 a right front body at a neck hole portion, and expanding the left front body toward a left sleeve side, expanding the right front body toward a right sleeve side such that a left upper end of the left front body is substantially aligned with a left upper end of the back body in the left-right direction and a right upper end of the right front body is substantially aligned with a right upper end of the back body in the left-right direction.

10 3. The knitting method of claim 1, wherein the step (c) is carried out in a state in which one ends of the front body and the back body face each other on a needle bed, and the other ends of the front body and the back body do not face each other on the needle bed.

15 4. The knitting method of claim 3, wherein the step (c) comprises the steps of:
overlapping a knit stitch at the one end of the front body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve, and overlapping a knit stitch at the other end of the back body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve;

overlapping a knit stitch at the other end of the front body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve, and

overlapping a knit stitch at the one end of the back body with an adjacent knit stitch of the sleeve; and

20 knitting a course of new knit stitches on the front body and the back body.

25 5. (Amended) A garment with asymmetrically joined sleeves, the garment including a body comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric and both the sleeves each comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric, wherein the body and both the sleeves are joined on sides by knitting operation without sewing, and a front body and a back body of the body are joined at shoulders, and wherein

(a) both the sleeves include caps of front and back sleeves above underarm

positions, and the caps of the front sleeves are narrower than the caps of the back sleeves, the caps of the front and back sleeves being knitted before gore formation by flechage knitting;

(b) front gores are formed to join front portions of the front body and both the

5 sleeves at the underarm positions,

wherein no back gore is formed between the back body and both the back sleeves to become a knitting width of the front body smaller than a knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions in correspondence with width of the front gores, or back gores are formed such that the back gores become smaller than the front gores to 10 become a knitting width of the front body smaller than a knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions in correspondence with a difference between width of the front gores and back gores; and

(c) the front body and the back body are joined to both the sleeves without sewing on sides.

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6. (Amended) A knit design device capable of generating knitting data for knitting a garment by knitting a body and both sleeves up to underarm positions to have cylindrical shapes, respectively, then, joining both the sleeves to the body, and then, joining upper ends of a front body and a back body of the body, the knitting data 20 comprising:

(a) knitting data of caps of the sleeves for knitting in a manner that after knitting both the sleeves up to underarm positions, the caps of the sleeves comprising caps of front sleeves and caps of back sleeves for both the sleeves are knitted by flechage knitting such that the caps of the front sleeves become narrower than the caps of the back 25 sleeves;

(b) knitting data of gores for forming front gores at the underarm positions to connect both the front sleeves to the front body, wherein no back gore is formed between

the back body and both the back sleeves, or back gores are formed between the back body and both the back sleeves such that the back gores become smaller than the front gores; and

5 (c) knitting and joining data of the body and the sleeves, for knitting the front body and the back body and joining the front and back bodies to both the sleeves such that a knitting width of the front body becomes smaller than a knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions, in correspondence with width of the front gores if no back gores are formed, or in correspondence with a difference between width of the front gores and the back gores if the back gores are formed,

10 wherein the pieces of knitting data are used by a flat knitting machine in the order of (a) to (c).